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## My Meditation

BY ETHEL KING

*"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer,"* Psa. 19:14.

I shut my eyes and, lo, I'm in another world, another world where unseen myriads of angels herald my coming and carry the inmost desire of my soul before the throne of grace, and I am strengthened to press on with holy vigor, to do and dare for God.

I shut my eyes and when I do the hobgoblins that make life almost unbearable down here, rush to the background and are afraid. Doubts flee away, discouragements vanish, sorrows pass swiftly; rumors of war, turmoil, bloodshed, crime, famine and perplexities recede before the mighty Spirit of God. Then I can say, "Lord, I will fear no evil for thou art with me." What a comfort!

That other world is my prayer world. There I pour out my soul to my Maker, my Advocate, my Burden-bearer, my Eternal Friend; and when I slip back to this world, behold, I've taken on new strength and courage.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints," Eph. 6:18.

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# NOTICES

From the Field

This is to notify all concerned that we have moved into the state parsonage at 48 North Street, Portland, Me., so all clerks and ministers in my territory can contact me at this address. I am ready to serve you. — J. Stewart Brinsfield, state overseer, New England states.

To whom it may concern: W. O. Boheler is no longer a member or minister of the Church of God.—J. D. Bright, state overseer of South Carolina, 116 Tremont Ave., Greenville, S. C.

To whom it may concern: I am taking care of the Church of God in LaJunta, Colo. My address is Gen. Del., LaJunta, Colo. Please pray for the work here.—Sister Ethel Hill.

I have returned to the Church of God after leaving it for a short time and preaching for another denomination. I regret this wrong that I made and I ask all concerned to please forgive me.—Fred Stimson, Rt. 3, Webbers Falls, Okla.

## From Stage to Pulpit

In 1928 I won a beauty contest in Atlantic City, N. J., which entered me into the movies where I made one picture for Fox Movie Tone Picture Co., and could have signed a contract for regular work but refused it as I wasn't willing to pay what it took to live that kind of life. I was also once with Johnnie J. Jones, the magician, and have owned and run various night clubs, and at one time danced ninety-eight hours and broke the record in a marathon dance in Pensacola, Fla., my home town.

I am now giving my life for the gospel in the Church of God. I have been preaching about eight years, five of which have been in the Church of God. My husband and I can account for five new churches in the Church of God in the past three years. We are at the present time pastoring a new church which we built here in Marianna, Fla., which we have completed and have almost out of debt.

Now if you would like for us to come to your church, you can get in touch with us at Marianna, Fla., Gen. Del. If you would like to know more about us you can write Brother E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida; Brother H. L. Chesser, overseer of Alabama; Brother T. W. Godwin, overseer of Texas; also Brother J. L. Dorman, overseer of Mississippi.

Everywhere I have told my story it has been a great blessing to many and has

brought great results.—Grace Dorothy Bell, Gen. Del., Marianna, Fla.

The California state convention will convene at Fresno, Calif., Butler and Gearhart Sts., April 4-6. The opening will start at 7:00 p. m., April 4. We are expecting a great convention this year, even greater than last year's. Every one is invited, so make your plans now to attend.

The Arizona state convention will convene at Phoenix, Ariz., April 25-27. The churches are urged to come with all quotas up, etc. We expect our Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, to be present at both conventions.—I. L. Bengé, state overseer, Box 509, Huntington Beach, Calif.

## Our State Is Winning in The Evangel Drive

The trend of the different state papers shows that the Evangel contest is gaining in interest and enthusiasm all the time. Many of the pastors and district overseers and even local members are showing greater interest in this work than ever before; but what about the statement, "Our state (or, Our district; or, Our church) is winning in the contest"? Can all of them win?

Listen to what we have clipped from one of the state papers: (We supply the words "Our state" in place of the name of the state mentioned.) "Our state is off to a good start toward winning the \$100.00 special prize from the Publishing House. We know that we are going to win in this drive whether or not we win the \$100.00. We are going to win souls; we are going to win people to the Church of God; we are going to win a better influence for the Church throughout the state. You cannot put thousands of papers like the Church of God Evangel into new homes without winning somebody for God and His Church." And isn't that an optimistic view and yet every word of that paragraph is true.

Three states, one in each group, will win \$100.00 to place wherever they think it will do the most good in their state work. In fact, the Evangel is not dictating just where it shall be placed. But if a state, district, or church should work hard and fails to win, other than that they have won in placing the Church of God Evangel in the hands of new subscribers.

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## The Orphanage Work on the Increase

Many very encouraging letters have come in to us in the past few weeks, telling of plans to put the orphanage work over the top. Before knowing anything about the request which was made by the Committee for a nice offering to be taken on Easter Sunday for the orphans,

## HAITI AND SANTO DOMINGO



The Rev. M. P. Cross, overseer of West Virginia and member of the Church of God Mission Board, is in Haiti this week on a mission inspection tour. His itinerary calls for an extensive visit with, and inspection of the Church work in the Dominican Republic.

This work is also under the direction of Brother John P. Kluzit, overseer of Haiti, though the people speak a different language. Haiti is a French speaking people, while the Dominicans speak Spanish.

We will expect to have some good things for our readers from Brother Cross on his return.—Editor.

one state overseer had already begun taking an offering in every church in his state and had planned for it to go 100 per cent before the Assembly. Many of the churches are taking more than one special offering. In the meantime the progress of the building continues. This week the rafters are being put up on the main building. The kitchen has already been covered. The electrician is stringing the wires and making the different electrical gadgets. The plumbing and heating man is busy digging ditches, placing drains, etc., carrying on his part of the work. The hammers and the carpenters are literally flying, driving the nails; and the brick mason's trowel is slinging the mortar, laying up the beautiful veneer of velvet-text brick. This all working together will soon consummate in the beautiful building which will cause us all to rejoice. Our buildings are already beginning to form a beautiful skyline from the highway, but nothing to compare with what they will when they have been completed. Watch next week's paper for another picture of the Orphanage, showing its progress.

# The Important Purchase and Prohibited Sale

For our text I wish to call our readers' attention to Proverbs 23:23, "*Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*"

We are entreated by the wise man to make a purchase of truth and after that we have purchased it, he states, "sell it not." However, before I buy a thing I would like to know what it is, what it is worth, etc. Well, in this case we are buying "TRUTH!"

## What Is Truth?

John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth, THY WORD is TRUTH." This is plain within itself. Truth is the foundation of all spiritual reality. No man can attain God's favor unless he meets the requirements of God's Word, "TRUTH." It points men to God and spiritual life at every juncture. Prophecy proves its authenticity. It's true to life and furnishes the solution of all questions. It is the best history of man on earth. The best government is found where truth is alive. Truth clearly defines the condition of the living and the dead and will reveal the present spiritual state of all men. The author (Jesus) died for its enemies as well as its friends. Truth gives no bad advice, condemns all vice, commends all virtue, and promises eternal life to those who purchase it (TRUTH). It sanctifies believers who obey it as it is sealed with the blood of the Testator (Jesus), thus providing as an evidence of that fact ONENESS, John 17:21, "That they all may be one. . ." It provides glory, verse 22, "and the glory that thou gavest me I have given them." Truth is an armor for the sanctified, and a necessity, because Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth," because I am going to send them out into the world, verses 18, 21. Yes, dear reader, we must be armed with TRUTH to stand in these last days.

Truth is an established principle that is sound. There are many teachings today but truth determines their soundness. Some run after manifestations, demonstrations, and high sounding words and theories, but let us not forget that the apostle Paul said in 1 Thess. 5:21, "PROVE ALL THINGS; (after you have proven them by the TRUTH then) hold fast that which is good" (and disregard that which is not good). You will always find some who are inconsistent in their teaching, but the concurrence of the Scriptures will determine the TRUTH! not one scripture alone but several, as a teaching or doctrine must not be founded on one scripture alone, but many. You will find many who put construction on scripture and make it say what they choose. This is doing violence to the scripture and should never be done, but

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scripture or TRUTH will shine above all, clearly, if you take it as it really presents itself.

TRUTH is the girdle which binds all the virtues and graces of godliness together. Put repentance, conversion, new birth, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, feet washing, tithing, etc., all together and you have the sum and substance of TRUTH. This is the manner in which the Church is identified, not by name alone but by what constitutes its teachings, doctrines, and government. Truth is the mainspring to all church discipline, spirituality, and life. The Scriptures are the records of TRUTH and Jesus is the Prince of TRUTH, and the glad sound of the gospel is preeminently the TRUTH as it is in JESUS! TRUTH is the crown of all human excellency. A truthful CHURCH MEMBER DOES NOT ALONE PRIDE HIMSELF IN BEING A MEMBER BUT TO BE TRUE TO HIS DUTY TO THE CHURCH. If he says he loves the Church of God and refuses to comply with its requirements, and that freely, it would appear that he was not truthful. THE MINISTER WHO SAYS HE LOVES THE CHURCH OF GOD and continually finds fault with its program is out of order and out of line with truth. A state of TRUTH is a state of GRACE, but a state of SIN is a state of ERROR!

## What Does Truth Cost?

It costs self-denial, sacrifice, complete surrender to God, separation, and dedication to God. This makes good men and women for God and good ministers of the manifold grace of God. Such people are not always wanting the best places,

the best of everything, at the sacrifice of others. It makes one unselfish. Some want to evangelize in the best churches, receive the most money and take the course of least resistance, but I feel this is foreign to the policy of Jesus, the apostle Paul, Peter, and hundreds of thousands of others who GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE GOSPEL. LET THIS BE OUR MOTTO, "NOT MY WILL BUT THINE." YES, WHERE HE LEADS ME I WILL FOLLOW. I find some these days, however, who say, "I'll come to you for a meeting for twenty-five dollars per week," or some say, "Come and work with me and I'll pay you plenty." Well, if it's money and gain we are after, I suppose truth could be forfeited in a degree here, BUT HOW WILL WE STAND IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH IN THE JUDGMENT?

Dear readers, my soul is burdened; I hear the cry of the hundreds who have never heard the truth. Let us pay the price, launch out in new fields, visit your neighboring towns, carry the TRUTH over the world, and hasten the coming of Jesus. Amen.

## Washington, Pa., District Rally

The young people of the Washington, Pa., district met at Waynesboro on Feb. 2 and were cheerfully received by the pastor, Brother Adrian Kirby. God favored us with heavenly blessings. William Grubbs, district president, presided as each of the four churches represented presented a fine program. Dave Lykens, state president, read the quarterly report of the work done in the district, then spoke very encouragingly, stressing, "Work while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

God smiled His approval as our hearts were knit together in contributing a good mission offering. How I wish you could have seen the eager faces of our junior boys and girls as they drank in every word while Brother Grubbs asked them to share their pennies with "the little boys and girls who live in those dark lands and have never heard about Jesus."

We highly appreciate the untiring efforts of Brother Grubbs as he cooperates with the state president to promote the work in this district, for we know they are laboring in the district of Christ and His cause.

Our aim this year is to do all we can for the Lord by helping bring the gospel to the thousands of "spiritual illiterates;" to share our blessings with our "little brothers and sisters" in Cleveland, Tennessee, and to help build a college library. —Viola DeFino, district secretary.



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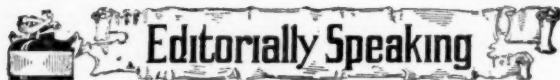
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### America First

IT IS indeed amusing to read the accounts of the fights in Congress between the isolationists and interventionists, hear them try to undermine one another's arguments, cut and slash and fight each other with their tongues, and, after all, declare that they are all fighting for the same thing and for that which is for the best interest of America. All of the speeches are patriotic, at least are intended to be so, and every one of the representatives wish it to be known that he is out and out for his country. But how may we best serve our country for a peace that is enduring? A few months ago the clergy were much more pacific than they are now, or at least some would judge them to be, and yet these clergymen who insist that they are still pacifist have joined the America First movement and are believing that intervention is the shortest cut to a lasting peace.

In these times of political turmoil it is hard for the child of God to know just which, or for any one else to know just which is the best and that which offers the quickest and most lasting peace. But is the issue only in the political world? Is it not also true in the spiritual? There are those who would have you believe that the only way in the world for the child of God to have peace is that he should be an isolationist, that he should stick by his views and his views alone and have nothing to do with those who are conflicting in their views or with things which are of a worldly nature. Then there are others who believe that the peace of God is the best found by taking the least line of resistance, joining in with the world and having all of the things which the world affords within the pales of the church so that its adherence may enjoy them without having to go on the outside of such enjoyment.

I am reminded of the Blue Law Fight of the Ministerial Association in Birmingham in the year 1927. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman was conducting a meeting in the city of Birmingham. He took part with the ministers in their fight against the opening of moving picture shows on Sunday. A reporter asked Dr. Cadman, "Don't you have Sunday movies in your city?" "Why certainly," was the answer. "Well, don't you think it is all

right?" "All right for New York," he said, "but not for Birmingham." "But," replied the reporter, "don't you believe that our young people need the recreation?" "Yes," said Dr. Cadman, "but I have all of that provided in my church." But what is the true status of the believer as set forth in the Word of God?

In His prayer to the Father in St. John 17:15, 16, Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." So the true status of the believer is that he is in the world but he is not of the world. It is necessary that he should eat that which is provided by the world, and wear that which is provided by the world, and ride in an automobile that is worldly, and partake of the other literal things that belong to the world order, and yet belong to a different society. He does not run with the world to keep the world from hurting him and yet he is not always at dagger's point with the world, fighting and firing away; but by his life shows his belief in the immaculate Son of God. Thus as the patriot makes America first by standing for America without anathematizing every other person in the world who is not an American and without isolating himself from every other people of the world, so the child of God can make God first and yet live in the world for he is yet in the world but not of it.

### The Paradox of Peace

IN the thought of peace, one usually thinks of a beautiful inland lake with no inlet nor outlet, with hardly a ripple upon its bosom, but all quiet and glassy-like, with scarcely a sound. But Christian peace is something far different to that. It is the state of the soul which is born when life is adjusted to the will of God. It may be, as has been described in Christianity crises, as the peace of waters which have left the placid quiet of an upland lake and pour tumultuously through the perils and surprises of their river bed, but which have the security of the channel and the certainty of their goal.

It must have been this kind of a peace that our Master thought of and that He was possessed of on the night of His agony when He bequeathed it to His disciples, saying, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you." The peace of the world which Christ contrasts with His own is a flight from unpleasantness either by adjustment to the world of convention or by an escape into seclusion or isolation; but the life of Jesus which portrays the peace which we are to have, was neither. That peace which the apostles exhibited, which had been given them from the Son of God, was not portrayed, either by conformity to the world orders or by secluding themselves in the forest. This idea of seclusion was thought of in the years that the Church had lost its power with God, and resulted in societies being formed in which its adherents, the monks, isolated themselves in communities far away from civilization and denied themselves the privileges that the world had to offer. But those who have exhibited the real peace of God have been those, who, with an undisturbed quietness, have waged war against the powers of the enemy. It is with this undaunted courage, in standing for the right, neither giving in as slaves to Satan or running from him but aggressively declaring the truth of righteousness, that we will be able to maintain the peace of God.

### Peace in Quietness

*"Does it hurt you severely?" one asked of a friend who lay with a broken arm. "Not when I keep still," was the answer. This is the secret of much of the victoriousness we see in rejoicing Christians. They conquer the pain and the bitterness by keeping still. They do not ask questions, or demand to know why they have trials. They believe in God, and are so sure of His love and wisdom that they are pained by no doubt, no fear, no uncertainty. Peace is their pillow, because they have learned just to be still. Their quietness robs trial of its sharpness, sorrow of its bitterness, death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.—J. R. Miller.*

# A FINANCIAL GRAPH

## OF TITHES AND MISSIONS FROM THE YEAR 1923-24 THROUGH 1939-40, INCLUSIVE

This graph was carefully prepared to show you at a glance the progress of the Church over these many years. The base of the graph is the line above the date. The receipts for missions are shown by the white upright panels against the darker background which represents the receipts for tithes. You can readily see that the amount for missions is rapidly gaining on the amount for tithes; in fact, we verily believe that this will be the last year that the tithe of tithes will exceed missions.

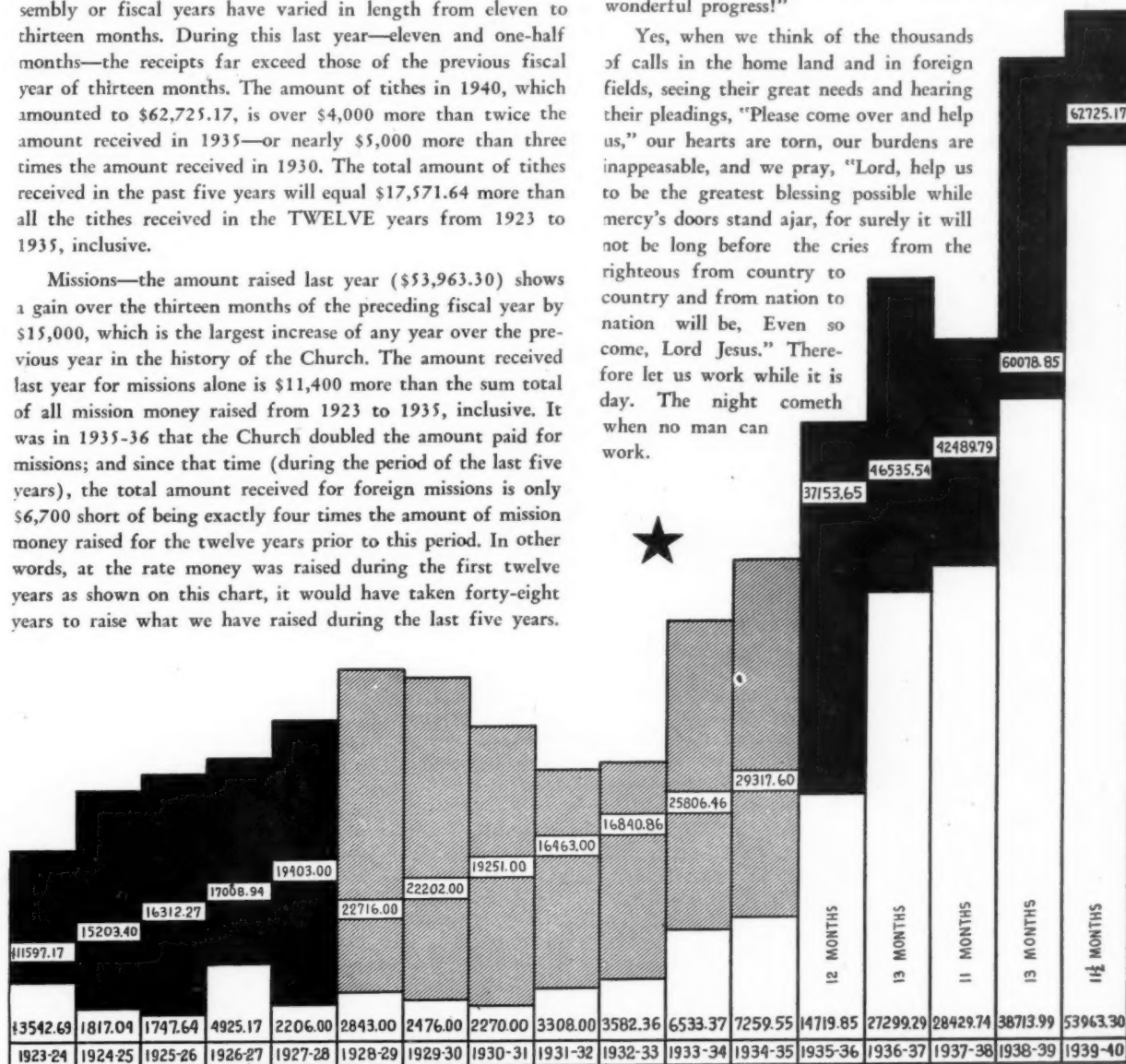
You will notice that in recent years the length of our Assembly or fiscal years have varied in length from eleven to thirteen months. During this last year—eleven and one-half months—the receipts far exceed those of the previous fiscal year of thirteen months. The amount of tithes in 1940, which amounted to \$62,725.17, is over \$4,000 more than twice the amount received in 1935—or nearly \$5,000 more than three times the amount received in 1930. The total amount of tithes received in the past five years will equal \$17,571.64 more than all the tithes received in the TWELVE years from 1923 to 1935, inclusive.

Missions—the amount raised last year (\$53,963.30) shows a gain over the thirteen months of the preceding fiscal year by \$15,000, which is the largest increase of any year over the previous year in the history of the Church. The amount received last year for missions alone is \$11,400 more than the sum total of all mission money raised from 1923 to 1935, inclusive. It was in 1935-36 that the Church doubled the amount paid for missions; and since that time (during the period of the last five years), the total amount received for foreign missions is only \$6,700 short of being exactly four times the amount of mission money raised for the twelve years prior to this period. In other words, at the rate money was raised during the first twelve years as shown on this chart, it would have taken forty-eight years to raise what we have raised during the last five years.

Thus far this year, tithes and missions have shown an appreciable increase over the same months for last year; and although this Assembly year will be a short one too, we are, nevertheless, expecting the totals for the year to exceed our receipts for last year.

I fancy I can hear you say now: "Praise God! The Church of God is growing, and how happy I am that I am a member. Just think, my faithfulness in giving my little bit, added to that of thousands and tens of thousands of others, makes this wonderful progress!"

Yes, when we think of the thousands of calls in the home land and in foreign fields, seeing their great needs and hearing their pleadings, "Please come over and help us," our hearts are torn, our burdens are inappeasable, and we pray, "Lord, help us to be the greatest blessing possible while mercy's doors stand ajar, for surely it will not be long before the cries from the righteous from country to country and from nation to nation will be, Even so come, Lord Jesus." Therefore let us work while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work.



# NOTES From My LETTERS

\*\*\*\*\* J. H. WALKER, General Overseer \*\*\*\*\*

## Good News From Montana

Just closed a good five-week meeting in Bigtimber the first of February. Brother Max Brandt is in a good meeting at Joliet. Fourteen have been saved. It looks like Joliet is coming to the front. At Missoula, two have been saved in the regular meetings, and some great healings witnessed. I am to begin a revival there the 10th of March. Pray for us.—John Sharp.

## God Is Blessing in Arkansas

I have just received a letter from Brother A. L. Burroughs, overseer of Arkansas, stating that they have another new church building in Arkansas.

May God continue to bless and help in the work there.

## Good News From Missouri

Brother Dodson, of Fisk, Missouri, writes:

"We are now building our new church at Dudley. We also have another building program on, and we need a deed. We are getting one church in Stoddard County and one in Butler County. The Lord is surely blessing the good people in this country. We have our hands full right at present."

That is fine! Keep the good work going in Missouri. We are praying for you.

## More News

News has just reached me from one of our Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendents that his group has raised \$700 for missions and \$50 for the orphanage. I wish that I could tell you his name. He is doing a good work.

## More News

I understand another Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent has over \$700 for the orphanage work. This certainly is a splendid work. May God bless you fellows. I should like to call your names, but then I know that you are in the contest.

## Good News

Brother T. C. Messer informs me that he has increased the churches in his territory 100 per cent since the last General Assembly. He had one church when he went there and has set another in order. It will make two in the state—and, as you can readily see, a 100 per cent gain. The fire of God is falling there. The people are praying through to old time salvation. This good news brought tears to my eyes, for we have been praying sin-

cerely for the work there, and we are glad to receive this good report.

May God bless you, Brother Messer.

## Good Fellowship Meetings

"Our district fellowship meetings are going over fine. We have them on Monday night, and some of them remind me of a state meeting; that is, they are so well attended by ministers from other districts. It is getting common for people to go a hundred miles or more. Keep praying for us.—Very truly, S. J. Wood."

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." These fellowship meetings help every one of the ministers to understand and work together with a sweeter spirit. I have had many letters, stating that they have a very sweet fellowship among the ministers. This, indeed, is the kind of spirit needed everywhere so that we may carry on the work of God.

## Good News From California

"The Los Angeles church is coming along good. They have more than doubled their membership and their tithes have climbed, since the Assembly, from \$18 a month to around \$100 a month. The church has purchased a five-room parsonage on the rear of the 90-foot building space for the tabernacle. They have to raise \$600 before they can get their loan through for the building. I believe they have half of the amount already.—Rev. I. L. Bengé."

May the Lord bless and help you in your work there.

## News From Out West

"We are here in a revival at Sedan. There have been nine saved and two sanctified. The revival at Hot Springs was good. The last I heard fifteen had been saved. We also have a revival going at Clayton and one in LaJunta, Colorado. We are sending \$7.00 for aged ministers' quota. Please remember us in prayer.—Yours for lost souls, H. E. Ramsey."

## News From Egypt

"Dear Brother in Jesus:  
Thank God so much for His valuable help which has enabled me to continue working for Him in spite of the hardships I face. The Lord is expanding the work whilst I want to reduce it. Now I am in Assuit where the work is active. In Ashmim we had to rent another place for the meeting. The meetings are crowded with people so much that the minister makes for a neighboring village

to preach after the morning service on Sunday. Some of the audience granted us a room to hold the meeting in.

In Fayoum the work is directed by a brother who was baptized with the Holy Ghost in the same church. He is both active and cheerful. Kindly pray and ask the Church to pray for me and the work to stand against the terrible fighting of the devil.

Yours in the service of the Master, A. W. Simon."

Please remember to pray for these people and all the people who are in the war-torn area.

## Good News From Kansas

"I have just returned from Pratt, Kansas, where we closed a deal for a nice lot in a nice location. The church is to begin a concrete block church in the near future. This is our new church. They are doing fine there.—Wilma Henry."

Brother Henry also informs me that the church has increased three times the original size since it was organized. Brother Ralph Acridge is the good pastor there.

May God continue to bless and help you, Brother Henry.

## From Cambridge, Md.

"Brother Luther E. Painter is now here in Cambridge in a revival. Last Thursday night four received the Holy Ghost. This is the best revival Cambridge has ever had since we came. Our son Paul received the Holy Ghost. We trust that he will make a preacher.—Yours for the Master, W. J. Milligan."

May the Lord bless you, Brother Milligan, in the work there.

## News From Pacific Northwest

"I have just returned from Woodland, Washington, where we have been in an old time revival meeting. Sixteen received the Holy Ghost the first week. We set a church in order with thirty-five members—twenty-one male members and fourteen female members. The revival continues, and we believe there will be several more to come in within the next few weeks. We purchased a lot there in a beautiful location right in the heart of the little city, just one block off the main highway that goes through Portland and Seattle. The street and sidewalk are both paved in front of the lot. I had an attorney to fix up the deed. It is deeded to the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. We have about twelve thousand feet of lumber, all paid for, to begin building our church building there. We believe it will be up and ready to have services in within a month. We expect to have some more good reports to send in soon. We

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# Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## Down Mexico Way

BY J. W. ARCHER

We are happy to be able to report that the same Lord who is working mightily in our Church in the United States is also the Lord of the Mexicans. Our good Brother Ruesga, who has built this work from the foundation, has built up a splendid organization through fifteen or more years of labor. We have well-trained and capable workers with churches ranging from fifty to several hundred members, scattered all over southern Mexico. In many cities are Christians calling for workers to come in and organize a church preaching the gospel of the Church of God. We are training workers to supply this hungry demand in the Bible School here in Mexico City. As in every Bible School, some of them will not become pastors or evangelists, but they are an earnest group and quite a number of them plan to go into these needy fields upon graduation. In fact, some of our students are already pastoring local churches.

One of the first things we noticed here was the need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is like a great water system, with a well-built dam housing a great supply of water, perfect canals and pipe lines, but no one to turn the water into the system to water the thirsty land. The Church in Mexico is well organized and managed, but it seems that no one with the burden and ministry of the baptism of the Holy Spirit has labored among them, and the dry land is thirsty. On our missionary tours we have found the hungriest gatherings of people it has been our privilege to minister to in any land. There are large churches with hundreds of members, and not one filled with the Holy Ghost. Out of some seventy active pastors only nine have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This has been a source of great burden in the Spirit to us.

The pastor gladly granted our request that we have full charge of the Wednesday night services on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Lord blessed from the start. The first Wednesday night one was filled. The second Wednesday night three received the blessed baptism. The third Wednesday night was a deluge. Thirty or forty lay prostrate on the floor under

the power of the third person of the Trinity, the mighty Holy Ghost. Seven were filled, some speaking in English and prophesying of the soon coming of Jesus, when they did not know a word of English. Many were sanctified, and though we had not said a word about jewelry, earrings, necklaces, rings, and other decorations were pulled off and handed to the nearest worker or cast recklessly away. One of the student ministers was filled and several were slain under His great power and had stammering lips. Several saw beautiful visions.

Shortly before Bible School opened we went on a missionary trip of some 700 kilometers, visiting several churches in Vera Cruz and adjoining states. We were the first Americans to ever visit some of these churches. The people received us with great joy, showering us with rose and gardenia petals and giving us large baskets of sweet scented gardenias. Gardenias may be bought there for 25 cents (Mexican money) for a basket of three or four dozen, which would be about 5 cents (American money). The people would gladly have stayed throughout the night, hearing us sing in Spanish and English and testify and preach to them, but late at night the pastor called us to dine and sleep, so we retired to the house, after being sincerely hugged by everyone in the service, some three hundred, many of them with tears and praises. They exacted a promise from us to return when possible for a revival. And you may be sure we gave the promise gladly. The pastor's home had only one large room and a kitchen. They had dug up some old iron beds from somewhere, with lumpy mattresses, cheesecloth curtains were dropped from the wall between the beds and the eight of us spent the small remainder of the night in the one room, for we must be up at daylight to catch the train back to where we had left our car. You see, no auto can reach this city, built on a high mountain plateau, but the train winds its weary way around steep cliffs and across this plateau.

The night before, we had rushed madly to the depot, bought our tickets in haste and then learned that the train was a slight three hours late. It being then five o'clock and the services beginning at

seven-thirty, the pastor determined to walk, and I insisted on joining him. It was some seven miles by train, and only three or four by foot. We walked back the highway into a canyon, then turned off along a mountain stream. The country is tropical, but this was a 4,000 feet elevation and it was midwinter. I was not at all uncomfortable and so was surprised when the pastor asked to carry my coat, began to loosen his collar, and advised me to do likewise. I soon learned the reason, and why he had protested that the walk was too much for me. We suddenly left the stream along a narrow, tree-enclosed trail and started an ascent that was more than steep. It was almost a cliff. The path zigzagged back and forth every ten or thirty feet, and often we had to find foot holds and pull ourselves up by tree limbs. But it was enjoyable. We rose rapidly, and were soon able to look down into the beautiful tropical valley we had left, with its silvery stream winding among the rocks and trees and flowers, and to gaze off across endless tree-covered mountains toward the brightly hued setting sun.

The pastor had instructed his flock (we presume) to have flowers ready to give us a flower petal shower when we entered. Being the first white man to visit their church we presume they were rather excited, at any rate I know I was bewildered when a shower of rose and gardenia petals tumbled about my ears and others quickly followed until they had emptied their baskets on me. They were all amused when they learned that I was just the advance guard for those that were to follow, but their flowers were all gone. So they laughingly gathered up what they could, and pulled the petals out of some of the numerous baskets which lined the church and were ready for the main army to appear. Though it was all amusing, we were at the same time deeply touched by their sincere childlike show of love and appreciation. Many of the women were barefooted, and most of the men wore white cotton shirts and pants, with old tire sandals strapped to their dusty feet. But their faces all shone with the glory of the same Lord who saved and baptized us. Hallelujah! The

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# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

*An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*

*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The following is clipped from a Mid-western daily: "Early travelers paused in their journeys between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Saturday to watch the most spectacular and vivid display of heavenly lights seen in many years. Over the entire Northern segment of the heavens was a gray incandescence extending upward from the horizon with a glow akin to the first breaking of dawn. Above this arc of gray were pastel shadings of greens and purples and an outer fringe of red almost across the central dome of the heavens. Shafts of light similar to the beams of a searchlight shot up fanwise from the horizon through the maze of color, the light beams constantly shifting position and varying as to brilliance, and the colors, particularly the outer reddish fringe, changed as to intensity. Observers said the fringe changed from light shades up to a blood red, resembling somewhat the glow visible in the night sky when a large fire is in progress, the difference being that the red haze was not at the horizon but in the central heavens." The writer had many people to call his attention to this phenomena. Even hardened sinners were visibly affected. "AND THERE SHALL BE SIGNS IN THE SUN, AND IN THE MOON, AND IN THE STARS." Luke 21:25.

TIME reveals that so far 6,700 conscientious objectors have been turned up by the draft boards throughout the nation. The various churches are establishing camps in strategic points over the country where these men may be gainfully employed in some non-combatant enterprise. They must pay, however, approximately thirty or thirty-five dollars per month for their maintenance, as well as work the specified number of hours. This course seems unobjectionable. Even those conscientiously opposed to war will sympathize with the righteousness of their nation's cause and can through this plan render service to their country. The attitude of the Friends (Quaker) Church is summed up as follows: "We hope to enable the conscientious objector to make a constructive contribution to national life, to clean up forests, to recover abandoned farms, to put his willingness to

serve into tasks that will be contributions to the life of his people. In the last war he (sometimes) had to go to military prison or camp. This time the U. S. will receive the benefit of his labor." This position is well stated. May the Holy Ghost guide the officials of our beloved Church in leading our men of draft age into those channels and paths that will please the Almighty.

The news of March 2 brought the sad news of another major earthquake in Greece. Larisa was hardest hit with 19,000 people left homeless. Two-thirds of this city's population of 30,000 were driven into the streets. Fires were raging and the people were in a panic of fear. While soldiers and police were trying to clear away the wreckage and release the imprisoned, Italian planes bombed the city unmercifully.

The radio of March 3 announced another earthquake in California. This, together with unusually heavy floods, has caused great inconvenience in that sunny country. These quakes are OCCURRING WITH PROPHETIC STATEMENTS. They are also coming in great frequency.

"Amsterdam (Via Berlin) March 1—The German military authorities fined the city of Amsterdam nearly \$8,000,000 today as a penalty for recent disorders against the Nazi occupation. The city must pay the money within a week and then collect within six weeks from inhabitants who are in the \$5,000-a-year class. Thus approximately 3,000 of Amsterdam's 800,000 citizens will pay the bill. If the payments are not made promptly, further reprisals will be levied, it was stated. The towns of Hilversum and Zaandam were also fined a total amounting to around \$1,500,000. NOT ONLY ARE THE PEOPLE CONQUERED BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK THEIR MIND AND BE PATRIOTS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND ITS CUSTOMS.

To show the intensity of feelings caused by the debate on the so-called lease-lend bill, or, Aid to Britain Bill, the following excerpts are quoted: Said Senator McCarran, in opposition, "My country

is about to approach the cross at the end of its Rosary. I see on that cross not the old man, not the man who has chin whiskers, with stripes on his trousers. I see THROUGH HIM a young man just pausing on the threshold of his life. I see THROUGH HIM, gibbeted there, a red-blooded youth, the youth of my country, the blood of my nation, the blood of civilization. I look through the old man, Uncle Sam, outstretched upon the gibbet and I see his son not given an opportunity to be crucified but only given an opportunity to be murdered in mass formation. I see my country going down into a holocaust of hell where others have been bleeding for centuries."

Now, let me quote from a proponent of the measure, the able Senator Austin, of Vermont: Upon being asked what was worse than war, Senator Austin responded as follows: "I say that a world enslaved to Hitler is worse than war, and worse than death. A country whose boys will not go out to fight to save Christianity in the world and to save the principle of freedom from ruthless destruction by a fiend—well, we do not find such boys in America." Able, honest and sincere men are violently opposing and men fully as able, sincere and patriotic, are violently championing the measure. Human nerves have almost reached the breaking point. THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO GOD-LOVING MEN AND WOMEN BUT TO LOOK TO GOD. Some Senators are open and utterly frank in saying that they are supporting this bill even though it will inevitably lead to war. So strong is their belief that civilization can only be saved by the defeat of Hitlerism that they are willing to run the gauntlet of war. "UPON THE EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, WITH PERPLEXITY."

Across the river from President Roosevelt's Hyde Park estate, Father Divine's haven at Krum Elbow flaunts two neon signs. One announces "PEACE;" the other, lit only when Father Divine is there, consists merely of the initials "F. D. R." This means, the caretaker explains, "Father Divine in Residence." Such unspeakable gall. The writer was recently

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# THE Trumpeter

## BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

### Sevierville, Tennessee

#### Department of Secretarial Science

*Mrs. Henrietta Green*

The Commercial Department of B. T. S. was organized under the direction of Brother J. H. Walker in the fall of 1930 with ten students enrolled.

The department had many obstacles to overcome: the school could not afford to buy any typewriters, and the only room available was on the third floor of the Auditorium when all the other classes were in the basement or on the first floor.

Two tables and two long benches were the main equipment. The typewriters were borrowed from the Ayre School of Business and most of them were carried across town each day. The students never grumbled nor complained in any way about having to carry typewriters up and down two flights of stairs each day, and they had to pay extra tuition for the privilege of using them, too; but these students really wanted commercial training.

When the auditorium was remodeled, the department moved to the second floor, and we felt a little more that we belonged to Bible School. All the time the Bible School was in Cleveland, the head of the department also conducted another school, and not until we came to Sevierville did we feel that we were actually a part of the school.

The first year the Bible School was in Sevierville, the commercial course consisted of six classes with twenty-four students enrolled. This year we have eleven classes and the total number of students enrolled is eighty-seven. We are anticipating an even larger enrollment for 1941-42 with more advanced and detailed courses.

We wish it were possible to publish some full-length sermons which, as they were delivered, students in this department took in shorthand and later trans-

cribed on the typewriters.

This would take up too much space; so we are going to give you excerpts from one of these, followed by the name of the student stenographer.

#### Announcing the Closing Exercises

The seniors of Bible Training School take great pleasure in announcing the closing exercises, March 26, 27.

##### BACCALAUREATE SERMON

By Brother Joseph Terlizzi

March 23

##### MUSICAL PROGRAM

Wednesday evening, March 26, 7 o'clock

##### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

By Brother J. H. Walker

##### AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Thursday, March 27, 10:30 A. M.

##### SENIOR PLAY

Thursday evening, March 27, 7 o'clock

We should like very much to welcome every one of you to these closing exercises, but out of fairness to you we feel that we should inform you that the auditorium will not begin to accommodate the huge crowd expected, and that if you plan to come only for the senior play, we would advise you not to do so. However, we shall welcome heartily all who come, and cooperate with them fully in finding entertainment.

#### Testimony of John Adair

Monday Evening Service, March 3

I was enjoying the blessings of the Lord when all at once the Spirit left me. When we were having such a good meeting in Junior Class something told me

I had better watch out! I was going to go through a severe trial. Sometimes I am made to wonder. I think sometimes I will never see the inside of a coal mine again. I know I have been called to preach. The Lord has put His approval on my sermons. Praise the Lord. I love to live just by faith once in a while. I remember once in the mines, my friends with bleeding fingers were ready to let the rock that they could not longer hold fall and crush my life out. The calls to my father were in vain because of the noise his machine was making. Then I thought of a friend that sticketh closer than a father. I said, "Lord, if you will raise this rock I will do anything you want me to do." That rock raised four inches and I crawled out. That made believers out of those men. The Lord always comes in time. A few nights after that, I made my way to an altar of prayer and found the Lord sweet to my soul.

We can stand out as stalwart soldiers for God if we will. When the captain gives orders, the soldiers have to march regardless of how they feel. The Lord is quite close to the religious type of people. This world has to go down in defeat, but I am not listening to the world. Thank the Lord of glory! I am glad I can stand up for the Lord. Praise His name. Glory to God! I wonder how many people feel like you can go out into the lions' den, so to speak. The Lord said, "If you will go, I will go with you." I want to get into the background and push the Lord into the front. I want to be led by the Lord if I know my life. If I am a hindrance to anyone or God's cause, I want to get myself out of the way. Before I was eighteen years of age, I thought I would die at that age. I am glad I did die when I was eighteen. The best part of it is I was resurrected, and I am walking in the newness of life. If some of us would die out a little bit, God could get into our lives. All you

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# Requests For Prayer

The healing of Bernice McDill who is seriously ill with heart trouble.—Mrs. J. C. Garmany, 605 W. 11th St., Anniston, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of a pain in my side.—Mozell Lee, Gurley, Ala.

Me to be completely healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. Hazen, 614 McKeighan St., Flint, Mich.

God to heal my sister-in-law; my husband, baby and me.—Mrs. Sylvester Williams, Gen. Del., Fernandina, Fla.

God to heal me of T. B. I have had two bad hemorrhages.—Mrs. Artie Boatman, Box 217, Chickamauga, Ga.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Lottie Baird, Montgomery, Ala.

Me to be healed of a bad case of prostate gland trouble and the symptoms that go with it; also that I will be healed of arthritis of the spine.—Rev. Fred D. Ellis, Harrison, Nebr.

Me to be healed of a severe cold, also my head and ear are giving me lots of trouble so pray that they may be healed.—Miss Maude Oliver, 268 Iswald St., Atlanta, Ga.

The healing of Richard Borgett.

The Lord to heal my body.—Ida Mae Malcom, 103 Calloway St., Salisbury, Md.

The healing of my little girl's eye, it has become infected and the doctors say she will never see much out of it again; my four children and me.—Mrs. S. B. Burris, Rt. 1, Box 376-A, Wewoka, Okla.

The healing of my body of T. B. I have been unable to eat anything and my temperature has been 104 degrees. My soul to be satisfied.—Elsie Cook, Pinecrest Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.

My tongue to be healed of a growth. I also have a sore spot in my chest from the flu. The healing of my foot and ankle; my mother to be healed of high blood pressure; my aunt and uncle to be healed of sugar diabetes.—Levi Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

The complete healing of my body.—Miss Alice Davis, Rt. 1, Calhoun, Ga.

A precious soul who is slowly but surely backsliding.—Mrs. Steelberg, Marietta, Ga.

Joab Mosley who has T. B. in the last stage to be healed and saved; my family

and me.—Mrs. John Mosley, Gilberttown, Ala.

Very urgent request.—Miss Ethel Tidwell, Birmingham, Ala.

The healing of my body; very special unspoken request.—L. J. Stone, Sylva, N. C.

Our son who had a bad accident to be healed and saved. He is in the Ft. Benning, Ga., hospital. — Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Herring, Donalsonville, Ga.

The healing of my body. I have had a nervous condition for a long time and I believe it is affecting my mind. God to bless and satisfy my mind and soul.—Mrs. L. G. Gakle, Rt. 5, Boaz, Ala.

Sister Luella Farmer to be healed of a serious kidney trouble.—Mrs. G. C. Smith, Bluefield, Va.

My mother who had a stroke of paralysis, which is affecting her throat, to be healed; my brother to be healed of stomach trouble and a growth on his eye.—Mrs. Lonnie Pack, Decatur, Ala.

My sister, Mrs. Harvey Walker, 11641 E. Vernon Hwy., Detroit, Mich., who is

very sick to be healed. The doctors have given her up.—George Henderson, Box 704, Mason, Tex.

My little girl to be healed of poison in her system which is breaking out in sores; Sister Mabel Eagan, 284½ Grant St., Youngstown, Ohio, to be healed of high blood pressure.—Sister Maymie West, Rt. 2, Marietta, Ohio.

My husband to be completely healed of quinsy; me.—Delsie Wotrung, St. George, W. Va.

My father, Ruel Spell, Baxley, Ga., who is suffering from a stroke, which left him cripple and speechless, to be healed.—Sister Lennie Bullard, Claxton, Ga.

My hearing to be restored.—Mrs. Ake Pass, 120 Webster St., Maryville, Tenn.

God to undertake for me; my daughter-in-law to be healed of T. B. Her address is Mrs. Nellie Clough, Box 1040, Orlando, Fla. — Mrs. Mattie Clough, Samoset, Fla.

The healing of my niece who fell in the fire and got burned.—Della Carder, Asheboro, N. C.

Sister Ethel Pethel to be healed of diabetes.—Sallie O. Lee, Cleveland, Tenn.

Love can build a fence around every congregation to keep the devil out of it and its affairs.

## CONVENTIONS

### WITH LATEST CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

For the convenience of the general officials in visiting conventions, including the foreign work, some changes have become necessary.

The overseers of the respective states and territories will please announce places of these conventions.

February 27-March 2—Central America—Guatemala.

March 8-11—Jamaica

March 8-23—Haiti Territory

April 4-6—California

April 14-20—Mexico City, Mexico

April 25-27—Arizona

May 1-4—Washington, Oregon, Idaho

May 4-11—Colored General Assembly

May 9-11—Montana

May 15-18—Indiana

May 15-18—Wisconsin

May 22-25—Illinois

May 22-25—South Carolina

May 30-June 1—Virginia

May 30-June 1—Mississippi.

June 5-8—Missouri

June 6-7—Florida

June 12-15—Arkansas

June 12-15—Ohio

June 19-22—New Mexico

June 19-22—Oklahoma

June 26-29—Kansas

June 26-29—Alabama

July 3-6—North and South Dakota

July 3-6—Louisiana

July 11-13—Iowa

July 11-13—Georgia

July 17-20—Michigan

July 17-20—North Carolina

July 21-22—Central Canada, Windsor

July 24-27—Pennsylvania

July 24-27—West Virginia

July 29-30—Kentucky

July 29-30—Conn., N. Y., R. I., N. J.

July 31-August 3—New England

States

July 31-August 3—Texas

August 7-10—Maryland

August 7-10—Tennessee

## Question Box

**Question:** Please explain 1 Cor. 14:22-24. The 22nd verse says that tongues are for a sign to them that believe not. The 23rd verse says that unbelievers will say you are mad. The 24th verse says that those that believe not are convinced of all. Does this mean that speaking with other tongues is a sign to the sinner and though they may say, "Ye are mad," yet they are convinced that those who are speaking are right? Has the word "unknown" in this chapter been added by the translators? and is this the same gift that is recorded in Acts, chapter 2?—Mrs. L. S. S.

**Answer:** This question is a very important one. If one should read just the verses referred to in the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians, it would be very easy to become confused or to think that the verses are contradictory; but this is far from the truth. To begin with, the chapter is treating on gifts, as is shown by the first verse, "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts." In speaking of the gift of tongues, the word "unknown" is supplied by the translators, but the context shows that the tongues which were spoken were unknown to those present. This does not, however, signify that the language could have been understood some place but rather that it could, because if it could not have been understood by any man, being learned or unlearned would have nothing to do with the ability to understand.

There is a contrast shown between the two gifts; namely, the gift of prophecy and the gift of tongues, and the apostle plainly shows that the gift of prophecy is the greater unless the gift of tongues is accompanied by the gift of interpretation. Then it seems to be on a par with the gift of prophecy and is reckoned as being about the same thing. So we conclude that the gift of tongues is an incomplete gift and that it is necessary, should one have the gift of tongues, that they also have the gift of interpretation. Verse 13, "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret," literally means, "Let him that has the gift of tongues pray for the gift of interpretation also." This will help one, then, to understand the 22nd verse referred to, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not;" that is, the gift of tongues with the gift of interpretation will, because of its mutual working, be convincing; but, if, according to the 23rd verse, the whole church came together in one place and all spake in tongues and there was none to inter-

pret, those who were unlearned or unbelievers would think that all were mad. The 24th verse merely shows that prophecy would serve the same purpose as tongues with interpretation but would be far in contrast if it was to be the one gift alone contrasted with the gift of tongues.

Tongues in the 2nd chapter of Acts was a sign to the unbelievers because they heard them speak in their own language. It was given as an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, though the baptism might have been accompanied with the gift of tongues.

**Question:** Please explain Rom. 11:29, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."—S. A. M.

**Answer:** At first glance it might be believed that this scripture sets forth the idea that repentance is unnecessary on the part of those to whom God's gifts and calling are to come, but this is far from the right interpretation of this verse. The context shows that God had called Israel, had made a covenant with him and was letting it be known that He would not at any time forsake His promise that He had made and that the calling and the gift to Israel was not to be repented of on the part of God, or after He had called one He would perform His promise and after He had given a gift He would not repent. The translation of Weymouth says, "For never does God repent of His free gifts or of His call. Just as you were formerly disobedient to Him, but now have received mercy when they are disobedient, so they also now have been disobedient when you are receiving mercy; so that they too may now receive mercy." Moffatt's translation sets forth the same thing, perhaps even a little plainer, "For God never goes back upon his gifts and call. Once you disobeyed God, and now you enjoy his mercy, thanks to their disobedience; in the same way they at present are disobedient, so that they in turn may enjoy the same mercy as yourselves. For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all." So the teaching is plain that both upon the Jew and the Gentile God will have mercy and not repent of the mercy that He has bestowed upon mankind.

**Question:** Please explain Rev. 16:3, "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."—J. H. P.

**Answer:** The word "soul" in this verse comes from the Greek word "psuzhe" and sets forth the animal sentiment principle only, the principle of animal life as contrasted with plant life; thus it is distinguished from the Greek form "pneuma"

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## Delkograms

By D. H. DELK

Golden Text for Lesson 11—1 Cor. 11:26, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

The main purpose of the Lord's Supper is to show the Lord's death (make it visible).

Christ and Him crucified is the essence of the gospel.

Whatever comes, whatever goes, our purpose should be eternal, everlasting, showing Christ and Him crucified.

"This do in remembrance of me" implies an attachment to Him is already made, therefore to partake of the Lord's Supper is very fitting and proper.

As we partake we may not feel benefited but we know we are, for Christ doesn't tell us to do useless things.

We may look upon the hour hand of a watch and not see it moving but we know it is moving.

Memory quickens love.

The memory of a precious child by a good mother revives her love, fills her heart with joy and her eyes with tears.

"This is the love of God that ye keep his commandments."

"Love seldom expresses itself in just words."

Memory produces gratitude.

When we remember (consider) His death and what it means to us, thanks begin coming up and out of our heart. Praise the Lord. He enjoys much who is thankful for little.

A grateful mind is both a great and happy mind. (Secker) Blow, blow, thou winter wind; thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude. Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky; thou dost not bite so high as benefits forgot. (Shakespeare.)

Can we (or will we) forget to this do, etc.

Memory inspires anticipation.

The more we love His death (glory in the cross), the more anxious we are for His return.

Once a great man left a big crowd and a popular preacher to partake of the Lord's Supper with a few humble saints. When asked why, he said, "I had rather go where I can meet my Friend than just hear Him talked about." The communion service makes us want to say, Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Memory produces holiness. He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself. Holiness is not the way to Christ but Christ is the way to holiness. Christ suffered to sanctify His people. If we continually keep this in mind, it produces holiness without which no man sees the Lord. The communion service has

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## Old Time Revival



*Brothers Brooks Youngblood and Ferris Moore*

Lake City has just closed the most wonderful revival that it has had for years, with Brother Brooks Youngblood and Brother Ferris Moore as the evangelists. Special music and singing was enjoyed by a good congregation each evening. Old men and women, young people and little children, all were made to see the hand of God in this revival. Many souls were stirred and made to see their condition. Church members seemed to awake out of a deep sleep and confessed that they had just found out they were living beneath their privilege.

Many nights the Holy Ghost took charge of the service, with sinners filling the altar from one side of the building to the other and the saints dancing and

praising God under His mighty power. It seemed as it did years ago. It made us to know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Praise God!

Nine were saved, nine sanctified, eight baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and five added to the church. The Holy Ghost took charge of the service the last night of the revival and baptized two with the Holy Ghost, while the saints of God were slain under the power, and we just had a great time with the Lord.

We do pray God's richest blessings upon these young men as they go forth carrying the gospel to hungry hearts. —Mrs. W. M. Christie, 803 East Camp St., Lake City, Florida.

all love him very much. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way with demonstrations of the Spirit and power. We started the new year right. On New Year's Day four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, one was sanctified and two reclaimed. On Jan. 5 three received the Holy Ghost. The Lord has been blessing in every service. We have a good Sunday School, had sixty-five last Sunday, Jan. 19. We hope to keep growing. Pray that God will send the people out to study His Word.—Mrs. Rosa Finck, clerk.

## Encouraged Over Progress of Work

VANCEBURG, Ky. — I certainly thank God for the way He is blessing here at Vanceburg both spiritually and financially. The church in general is in better condition than it ever has been, for which we are very thankful. We have had three revivals since the Assembly. Brother Elrod of Georgia held us the first; Brother Rowe of Mississippi the second; and Brother G. L. Stone just closed the third. Good results were had from all. The church is really on the move toward heaven under the good leadership of our state overseer, B. L. Hicks; district overseer, W. B. Webb, and faithful pastor, Elmer Thomas, who is a man of God. Every department of the church is working and we desire the prayers of God's people everywhere that we will do the will of God.—Mary Stapleton, clerk.

## Good Report From Faint, California

FRAINT, Calif.—Just a few words of praise for the way the Lord has blessed the work here in Faint. I came to this place nine months ago with a tent. At that time there was no church in this town of about three thousand population. The Lord blessed our efforts and we were able to buy a lot. Our state overseer, Brother Benge, bought our tent to be used in the evangelistic work on this district, thus giving us a base on which to begin toward building a new church. Every one was eager to help by donating time and labor. Our thanks to dear Brother Nelson who donated the material for the foundation and hauling the rest of the material thirty-eight miles out of the mountains for us.

We thank God for our district overseer, Brother J. B. Baney, who drove sixty-five miles, preached, prayed, and labored with Brother W. S. Stokel and others, faithfully, through rain and shine until the building was completed.

We had our dedication January 12, on my birthday. This was indeed a happy day for me. Brother Baney preached the

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## Reports From the Field

### Lewiston, Idaho, Dist. S. S. and Y. P. E. Report

The Lewiston, Idaho, district Sunday School and Y. P. E. rally convened on Jan. 9 at Winchester Church of God. Brother Alex Duncan, our district Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, was present, also several other preachers from this district. The precious presence of God was there to encourage all to go on for Him.

In this meeting one sister united with the Church of God. The congregational and special singing was blessed in every way.

The people at Winchester are enjoying the good faithful service of Sister Tillie Axtell, their leader, and the church is growing with others looking this way.

The message caused shouts and praises

from the congregation. Praise God for His precious Word. The church also had communion service and feet washing, after Brother Duncan preached on these subjects.

Please pray for this, the Lord's work here in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. —Pastor, Joseph J. Kisser, Stites, Idaho.

### Church at Wichita, Kans., Richly Blessed

WICHITA, Kans. — We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the Wichita church. We had a district fellowship meeting Monday, Dec. 30, the first one we have ever had. There were sixteen ministers present. Some came as far as two hundred miles. Brother Wilma Henry, our state overseer, was with us. We thank God for Brother Henry. We

## Notes of Praise

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### Victory In My Soul

OAKMAN, Ga.—I praise God for victory in my soul. I am so glad because Jesus saw fit to save me and baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I was only twelve years of age when I received this wonderful blessing and I have never seen a place to turn back. Glory to God. The way seems brighter every day. Praise His name. I thank God for our church at Oakman, Ga. We have a wonderful Sunday School and Y. P. E. Our total attendance in Sunday School is from 84 to 99 and I praise God for it.

I praise God for His healing power. My mother was sick just before Christmas and it looked like she was going to leave us. My daddy and I were praying for her and she just opened her eyes and looked over at me and said, "He has healed me. Praise His name." She has been well ever since.

I praise the Lord for our pastor at Fairview church. He and his family are surely church workers.—Annie Belle Silvers.

### Glad I Opened My Heart to Him

RIPLEY, Ohio—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I am so glad this morning that He saved me from a life of sin. While I never took part in some of the degrading things of the world as some of the young people do, I was still a sinner and lost, without hope, until God really showed me where I stood. I am glad that I opened my heart to Him. I've had many hard trials and tests but God has always taken care of me. While I've not always been on the mountain top, I've never gone back into the world. I am glad that when God saved me He took all the desires of the world from me.

I praise God for His healing power. I've seen Him heal and stay the hand of death many times. I've seen God heal in our homes. My oldest baby was never very healthy. We doctored him with different doctors without results. Since we've had him prayed for he is doing much better. My other baby is nine months old and has never tasted a drop of medicine, for which I praise God. About two weeks ago she took sick with what I believe was pneumonia. She had a burning fever and her breath was so short. She was that way all night. The next morning we sent for my mother who is a good Holy-Ghost-filled woman, to come pray for her. She came and we prayed for her but she didn't get much better. We prayed again and God came on the scene and healed her. Praise God! When I took the baby

she was perspiring. She is still getting along fine.

Please pray for us as we live about forty-five miles from church. We are the only Church of God people around here. I would be so glad if God would call some good Holy-Ghost-filled minister here. I believe there are honest-hearted people here who need to hear the Word in its fulness. There are other churches here. Surely the Church of God with her light of the gospel is needed here too. I believe God is interested in the smaller towns as well as the larger.

Surely we are living in the last days when we need to be about our Father's business. The dark night of tribulation is hovering over us.

Pray for me to be filled with the Holy Ghost, also for my mother and family, and for my husband, brother and sister to return to the Lord. I want to be in the center of God's will at all times, so pray for me.—Mrs. Ethel Smith, Rt. 2.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Dear Brother Walker, God is doing great things on the Wilmington district. We just closed a wonderful district convention. The mission offering was \$215.25, which was an increase over last year's mission offering of \$195.20. We have just organized two new churches on the district. At one of the new churches we bought a corner lot and a building already on it. The Wilmington church has just purchased a nice corner lot in a very desirable location for a new church building site for \$2,000.—Rev. V. D. Combs, district overseer, Wilmington, N. C., district.

### On My Way to Heaven

SCREVEN, Ga.—It gives me pleasure to tell what the Lord has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost a little over two years ago and I am still on my way to heaven, enjoying the blessings from the Lord and doing my best to fill my place with the Lord.

We saints need to pray more than ever before. It seems so hard to get people to serve the Lord. We need to concentrate our minds more on the Lord that He will hear and answer our prayers and more souls will turn to the Lord.

Brother Carroll has been pastoring Screven church about three years. He surely has been a shepherd to his flock.—Mrs. Carrie Turner, Rt. 1, Box 224.

### In the Work of the Lord

STUART, Ark.—I learned to love the Lord five years ago. He has been so good to our family. We tried living for Satan many years, but now we want to be soul winners for Jesus. My husband is the pastor of the church here at Stuart and we really need the prayers of every saint that God will save souls and wake people up to the fact that Jesus is really coming back to earth again. We are the parents of seven children and we want to be an unbroken circle around His throne. I praise God for the Church of God and all His children. I praise Him for the blessing I received yesterday. It is so sweet to get a few crumbs from heaven, but Jesus has the table spread and one and all are invited to come and dine. Ask God to provide a way for us to go to His services. We walked six miles Wednesday night, and have walked it lots of times and carried two children, and I know He is able, if we pray and ask Him, to give us strength to hold up and walk it.—Mrs. Austin Garner.

### The Holy Ghost Abides In My Soul

CAVE CITY, Ark.—Eternity alone will tell just what the good Christmas Evangel meant to me. Those good soul-stirring messages were food to my hungry soul. God bless the Church of God everywhere. I promised God if He would heal my head I would sound a note of praise, so I praise God for His healing power. I praise Him for the good Holy Ghost, the Comforter abiding in my heart just now. Pray that we may get a place closer to church so we can attend church and Sunday School regularly with our children.—Mrs. Bertha Sisk, Rt. 1.

### Thank God for His Tender Mercy

TEAGUE, Tex.—I thank God for His tender mercy. I suffered three days with the toothache, but God came on the scene and marvelously healed me. At first I had something like kidney trouble and He healed it, then I was afflicted with toothache, but thank God He healed that.

I get so much good out of reading the Evangel until I can hardly wait for it to come every week. It has such good pieces in it. I don't have any church to attend here. I would be so glad if we had a good church here and we pray that this may be so some day.

Although my husband is unsaved, he saw the power of the Lord manifested. Pray for my husband and two children to be saved. I have two children who are saved, for which I am thankful.—Mrs. Birtia Upchurch.

### Prayed the Prayer of Faith

BRYSON CITY, N. C.—Some time ago my little boy fell on the floor and hurt his neck very badly. My husband picked him up and exclaimed, "His neck (Continued on page 15)"

## NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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appreciate your prayers for us and our work here. Just keep remembering us to the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, John E. Douglas, Yakima, Washington."

### Encouraging News From D. C. Boatwright

"We are working out the mission program and believe it will be the greatest ever. We are using the mission envelope system in all the churches and it is working fine. God is blessing us here in the Northwest, and there is a good spirit in all the churches. Souls are being saved in many revivals, also many are receiving the Holy Ghost. Please pray for us here, as the need is great and the laborers are few."

### LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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informed that a certain man who at one time was a working member of the Church of God had gone with the "Jesus Only" people. Later he became an "angel" with Father Divine's Heaven as his abiding place.

### THE TRUMPETER

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that know God, if you feel the presence of God leave your life, you should take inventory.

I am going to obey my King regardless of what you say. We have to do some shouting. If I feel like shouting, I do it. If you don't believe it, watch me after a while. The devil knows when I mean business. Oh, glory to God! Well, praise the Lord! The Word of the Lord says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." I feel good. I can hardly sit down. I know my Lord. It was the apostle Paul who said, "I know in whom I believed." He is just as able as His Word is true. When we march up there we can shout just as much as the next one.—*Reported by Luther Turner.*

### QUESTION BOX

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which is the rational immortal soul, as that breath which was breathed from God and which man possesses. Thus we understand that when the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea, it became as the blood of a dead man and every living creature within its bounds died. Of course the verse is as the rest of Revelation, prophetic, and refers to the time of the vials of God's wrath being poured out upon the earth.

### DELKOGRAMS

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great power to humble man and the devil is puzzled with a humble man.

A man once rowed a canoe all night

to be in communion service. When his exertion was mentioned he says, "How could I stay where I was? My soul hungers for Christ and His communion."

He lies before us like a pelican which letteth her young ones suck her blood, so that we may say, "The Lord invited us to supper and He Himself was our meat." (Smith)

"This is my body, I am the bread of life." "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life in you."

The Lord's Supper produces unity.

Some delay the communion service, waiting for more unity in the Church; in the meantime some preachers (not all) stress the self-examination verse—unworthy, eateth and drinketh damnation, etc.

Let's keep in mind that our righteousness is as filthy rags; it is His sacrifice, His death, and His blood, that makes any of us eligible.

This taken by the Church properly has great power to unite and knit together in love.

### MISSION PAGE

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sight of numerous dusty sandled feet in Mexico has made the Lord's example of foot washing seem more real to us.

This tropical country of varied fruits and flowers and trees lying in altitude half way between the high plateau of Mexico with its thin, dry air, and the damp ocean air of the city of Vera Cruz, some thirty miles away, is a favorite summer and winter resort. One of its beautiful valleys is accessible only by cable train. The track is exceedingly steep, and some three miles long, reaching into the rich valley below. Cars carrying as high as sixty people are pulled by a huge cable, rolled by motor on a gigantic drum at the top of the plateau. The fertile valley and silvery river may be seen stretching off toward the distant mountains. No prettier view can be found anywhere in the world. And BELIEVE IT OR NOT, the Indians pull grass for padding, balance themselves in a sitting position on one rail, feet and hands in the air, and slide at terrific speed clear to the bottom. I imagine if one lost his balance he would roll headlong through brush and rocks down the steep mountainside. A group passed us while we were photographing this scene and we asked them why they didn't slide down instead of walking, or rather, climbing down. They all assured us that they could and did slide down, but being midday it would be entirely too hot on the portion they sat on.

On a more recent trip of some two hundred miles, we visited one of our churches in a city far off the beaten path

of tourists, over rough mountain roads. The city of some fifteen or twenty thousand is located in a peaceful semitropical scene on a quiet, clear river, flowing down from the great snow-covered volcanic peaks not far away, which reach an elevation of over 18,000 feet. Numerous lazy black vultures and many-hued parrots roosted in the trees lining the river, and the voices of singing birds and happy children could be heard everywhere. But this is far from being a peaceful city. The rough cobblestone streets are exceedingly narrow (not wide enough for our car to pass another) and lined solid with adobe homes and buildings. The night was black, with no lights to break the darkness, save dim rays from homes. We were advised that five men had been killed and robbed in a car the night before, and three the night before that. Some of us had to sleep in the car that night in the narrow dark street. Pleasant dreams!

We had gone there to straighten out some difficulty among the churches so the gathering of twenty-five pastors and workers from outlying churches was not a spiritual feast, but it was the business of the Lord and it ended with perfect accord, great joy, and much weeping of repentance and blessing. Brother Ruesga handled the meeting with rare judgment and courage. After a midnight lunch, under thatched or grass roof and candle light, Mrs. Archer, our niece, Betty Mae Daniel, and I were ushered proudly to the only bed in the district. After inspecting the prepared bed, our host concluded that the grass mats were not sufficient mattress, so they begged us to wait while they bustled off into the night over cobblestones. After a long time they returned proudly displaying a dilapidated lumpy mattress, which was added to the bed. As we thankfully retired for what was left of the night, we wondered how many poor kiddies had been rolled off that mattress in the middle of the night to provide the Americans with a better bed. We deeply appreciated their loving efforts, and God honored them, for we slept like tired children. We awakened in the morning to find that we had not slept alone, for in one corner was a sitting hen and turkey and in an undivided adjoining portion of the house, several little black urchins rose from grass mats on dirt floor, peeked at us with grinning white teeth showing, rolled up their mats and ran out to play. These places are kept, however, surprisingly clean.

That morning, eating breakfast in the open under grass roof, with the pastors and workers, we were proudly informed that the room just above our heads housed not less than one hundred poisonous scorpions. They told us (with our meal) of one family of five who all died from



eating a pot of beans in which a scorpion had dropped. They were quite amused when I pretended to seek for scorpions in my beans. At another time, they said, the pastor was delivering his morning sermon when one dropped down the back of his neck and gradually worked down without stinging him, until it came out his pant leg. They said the pastor kept on preaching, but that his manifestations were quite Pentecostal that morning.

All of these brethren are good, sincere and capable workers and have built up large congregations and constructed some splendid church buildings over Mexico. How we long to get to them with the Holy Ghost revivals and see them filled with the Holy Spirit, but at present our Bible School work keeps us busy, with classes from 9:00 a. m. until 8:00 p. m. Most of the temples, as they are called here, are built of adobe bricks and covered with plaster, being roofed with either tiling or grass. They make very pretty churches, and most of them are commodious.

Those of you who are called to the ministry of prayer, pray for us and for these hungry pastors and laymen, that we might be privileged to go among them with great Holy Ghost revivals. We feel that with six months or a year on the field, we could triple the Bible School attendance, by getting hundreds filled with the Holy Ghost and stirring up the call of Christ in their lives.

#### REPORTS

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dedicatory sermon, using for a text Deut. 20:5. This was a precious message with the approval of the Holy Ghost throughout. The atmosphere was filled with the praises of God.

I shall never forget the message preached by Brother Baney to us at the beginning of the building plan, taking his text from Haggai 1:7, 8, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord." That message has been verified in most every service since. It's so sweet to know the Lord and have fellowship with His people.

We have a good Sunday School with growing interest and we plan on organizing a Y. P. E. soon. Pray for the work here and also for me as I am afflicted in body.—Callie Evartt.

#### Notes of Praise

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is broken." I started praying and praise the Lord, I'm sure He healed him because he soon had the use of his head and sat up. His neck was still hurting him some at bedtime, so I put two Evangelists under his pillow. He slept well all night. The next morning he appeared as well as com-

mon and the pain was gone. Praise God! Isn't He wonderful!—Mrs. John Anthony.

#### Our State Winning in the Evangel Drive

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scribers, their race will have by no means been in vain.

We quote another paragraph from a state paper: "One man that I have in mind just now subscribed for a large roll for one year and when they came he tried to get his wife to go out and sell them since he was a little timid about selling anything. When she refused, he started out from door to door, also stopping in business places, and in a short time he came back with a pocket full of money, enthusiastic and tickled. He found from week to week that the folks who bought one Evangel wanted another one and now he has subscribed for another large roll to supply the demand. I find that the ministers who are selling the Evangel like this are getting from five to twenty-five cents per copy. In most cases people voluntarily give more than the five cents asked." It is just like the Lord to pay us off with far more than that we ask and one never loses when he works for Him and as unto Him.

#### Gaining Ground

One state overseer writes, "We have already secured more than twice as many Evangel subscriptions in the first four months of this year than we did all of last year." That's good news. If every state overseer will do that, the Evangel will make an all-time record this year. Come on and let's go!

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The Church of God, N. Chattanooga, Tenn., over station WAO, 1400 Kc. Each Saturday from 12:30-1:00 p. m. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

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